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SUBJ: NIGERIAN DAILY ACCUSES NATO MEMBER COUNTRIES OF  
SUPPLYING ARMS TO SOMALIA

1. DEC 28 ETHIOPIAN HERALD GAVE TOP FIRST-PAGE COVERAGE TO  
ARTICLE FROM NIGERIAN DAILY, THE PUNCH, WHICH APPEARED IN  
RECENT EDITION. PUNCH ARTICLE BLAMED "BANDIWORK OF IMPERIAL-  
ISTS" FOR WAR IN HORN OF AFRICA. PAPER "DISCLOSED" THAT  
US, UK, WEST GERMANY, FRANCE AND ITALY HAVE JOINTLY AGREED  
TO CREATE COMMON POOL FOR DELIVERY OF HEAVY ARMAMENTS TO  
SOMALIA." IT CONTINUES, "THIS CLANDESTINE ACTIVITY IS NEGA-  
TION OF NATO CHARTER FORBIDDING SUPPLY OF ARMS TO COUNTRIES  
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OUTSIDE ZONE OF NATO." ABOVE COUNTRIES HAVE DECIDED TO CHAN-  
NEL MILITARY SUPPLY THROUGH SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN. US AND  
FRANCE ARE TO SUPPLY SOPHISTICATED HARDWARE; THE UK HELI-  
COPTERS AND AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT; AND WEST GERMANY AND ITALY  
ARMORED TECHNIQUE, TRANSPORTATION AND SPARE PARTS. ARTICLE  
FURTHER ALLEGES US HAS PERSUADED NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN  
REGION TO EXTEND ARMS RESERVES TO SOMALIA WITH FIRM PROMISES

THEY WILL BE REPLACED WITH MORE MODERN WEAPONS. IN RESPONSE TO US PERSUASION, TURKEY HAS BEGUN SUPPLYING INFANTRY WEAPONS, WHILE IRAN IS PROVIDING OBSOLETE M-47 AND M-48 TANKS. ARTICLE CONCLUDES SAUDI ARABIA PROVIDING AIR CORRIDOR FOR TRANSSHIPMENT OF THESE SUPPLIES TO SOMALIA.

2. COMMENT: PROMINENT COVERAGE OF PUNCH ARTICLE PLAYS UPON ETHIOPIAN SUSPICIONS THAT WESTERN COUNTRIES UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO REVOLUTION AND ATTEMPTING TO SUBVERT IT BY ALL MEANS. THUS FAR, ETHIOPIAN SUSPICIONS HAVE NOT BECOME OFFICIAL POLICY, BUT IT PROBABLE SOVIETS, CUBANS AND OTHER REVOLUTIONARY FRIENDS WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH LINE TAKEN IN PUNCH ARTICLE IN EFFORT TO DRIVE ETHIOPIA FURTHER AWAY FROM NON-ALIGNED POSITION. GROUND IS FERTILE HERE FOR NURTURING ALLEGATIONS SUCH AS THOSE IN PUNCH ARTICLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY LAGOS COMMENTS ON AND EVALUATION OF NIGERIAN DAILY PUNCH.  
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